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REACTOR

Examiner: R. J. Palabrica

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 5, 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, claims 3 - 7 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between the follow Groups:

Group I Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a process (handling a guide tube), classified in class 376, subclass 262; and

Group II Claims 3-7, drawn to an apparatus (tube handler), classified in class 376, subclass 260.

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